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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AMENDMENT

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INVENTION:

"CLOSED END INFUSION CATHETER WITH AN INTRODUCER

AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME"

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TO: DR. GHAFOORIAN
-Pursuant to our phone convexsation,
here is the proposed Amendment

Thanks; Brian

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A catheter <u>assembly</u> for placing within a body, the catheter <u>assembly</u> comprising:

- a flexible hollow body defining a length between a top end and a bottom end wherein the top end is closed and wherein the top end tapers to a cylindrical tube;
 - a diameter defined by the cylindrical
- a width defined by the bottom end of the flexible body wherein the width is greater than the diameter;
- a locking mechanism located on the bottom end of the flexible body;
- a first notch located a distance from a point at which the top end meets the cylindrical tube;
 - a second notch located a distance from the bottom end;
- a cylindrical body defining a cross with a length defined between a pointed end and a flat end;

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